

MEDICINE BOARD[653]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 272C.2, the Board of Medicine hereby proposes to amend Chapter 13, “Standards of Practice and Principles of Medical Ethics,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of Chapter 13 is to establish standards of medical practice for medical physicians and osteopathic physicians. The proposed amendments address a National Transportation Safety Board recommendation that states adopt guidance for physicians to discuss with patients the effects that patients’ medical conditions and the medication they use may have on their ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation.

The Board approved this Notice of Intended Action during a regularly scheduled meeting on October 3, 2014.

Any interested person may present written comments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. on November 18, 2014. Such written materials should be sent to Mark Bowden, Executive Director, Board of Medicine, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4686; or sent by e-mail to mark.bowden@iowa.gov.

There will be a public hearing on November 18, 2014, at 1 p.m. at the Board of Medicine, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147, 148 and 272C.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Renumber subrule **13.2(8)** as **13.2(9)**.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** subrule 13.2(8):

13.2(8) *Ability to safely operate a vehicle.* Physicians who prescribe controlled substances for pain management shall discuss with patients the effects their medical conditions and medication use may have on their ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation.